from Defence Funds was not found to be feasible. Ministry of Railways were accordingly informed.

Detection of Spurious Drugs Manufacturers and Sellers by Delhi Police

†3438. SHRIMATIKUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have detected spurious drugs manufacturers and sellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comprehensive inquiry is being conducted in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have made assessment of any alliance between competent authority and the spurious drugs manufacturers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. During the last three years, 15 cases of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs were detected by Delhi Police and 46 persons were arrested in connection with these cases. The investigation conducted by Delhi Police in these cases did not reveal any connivance between the officials and spurious drugs manufacturers.

Infiltrators Living in India

3439. SHRI TARIN1KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of infiltrators living in India mentioning countries they are from;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to push them back, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre plans to provide financial assistance to the States dealing with 'push back', if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) The problem of infiltration into the country is mainly from Bangladesh. As per reports, a large number of illegal migrants from Bangladesh are staying in the country.

(b) The powers under Section 3(-2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations who have been asked to launch special drives to detect and deport illegal Bangladeshi migrants.

(c) Central Government reimburses to the State Governments the expenditure incurred by them in the work of deportation of illegal foreign nationals back to their countries.

Protection of rights of non-tribals in Bodoland

3440. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all Bodo Organisations were part of the recent tripartite talk for replacing the existing Bodo Autonomous Council with the new Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC);

(b) whether the non-inclusion of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in the talks could mar the effectiveness of the accord signed: and

(c) the measures taken to ensure protection of rights of non-tribals in Bodoland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ID. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Bodo Liberation Tiger (BUT) had participated in recent tripartite talks with the Government of India and the Government of Assam for a durable solution to the Bodo issues. The talks were supported by most of the prominent Bodo organizations. However, the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) remain intransigent towards talks.

The Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) signed between the Central Government, the Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) on 10-2-2003 has been widely welcomed.